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## Claude E. Welch is president-elect; Spence, Herndon vice-presidents

Claude E. Welch, Boston, was chosen yesterday as president-elect of the American College of Surgeons.

Two other College officers-elect were also named at yesterday's annual meeting of the Fellows. Harry M. Spence, Dallas, was voted first vice president-elect, and Charles H.

Herndon, Cleveland, Ohio, second vice president-elect. All will take office October 18, 1973.

Dr. Welch is clinical professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, Boston. He has been a member of the Board of Regents since 1963,

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## John W. Cline receives 1972 Distinguished Service Award

A noted San Francisco surgeon, John W. Cline, MD, FACS, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Surgeons at yesterday's annual meeting.

The award was presented by the President of the College, Jonathan E. Rhoads, Philadelphia.

The recipient of the '72 award has served as president of both the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society. Dr. Cline was graduated in 1921 from the University of California and received his MD degree cum laude in 1925 from Harvard Medical School. In 1935 he was admitted to Fellowship in the College.

Before presenting the award and reading the Citation, Dr. Rhoads paid tribute to Dr. Cline's long and dedicated service to surgery as well as to civic affairs.

In conferring the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor of the College, Dr. Rhoads read a Citation commenting on a long list of Dr. Cline's accomplishments including his "fight against cancer quackery, paving the way for stringent controls on useless devices and harmful drugs, leading to the first law of

its kind in the country, and for his service as the first chairman of the California State Cancer Advisory Council administering this law". He continued with tribute for "expert counsel to the Board of Regents in their policy decisions, concerning the goals of the College Commission on Cancer, and for emphasizing early detection and definitive therapy and follow-up care of cancer in the Commission's publications".

Dr. Cline has served as a member of the College's Commission on Cancer from 1962 to 1971 and as its chairman from 1965 to 1969. He has also served on the Commission on Cancer of the California Medical Association.

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DR. CLINE



PICTURED AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING of past Presidents of the College, held Tuesday, are (clockwise) Loyal Davis, Reed M. Nesbit, Alton Ochsner, Warren H. Cole, J. Englebert Dunphy, Howard Mahorner, Joel W. Baker, Walter C. MacKenzie, Owen H. Wangensteen and Howard A. Patterson.

## Elect three new Regents

Three Fellows were elected Wednesday to the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons. They are Ralph D. Alley, Albany, New York; Arthur Gerard De Voe, New York; and H. William Scott, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Alley, a 1943 graduate of Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, is clinical professor of surgery at Albany Medical College of Union University, New York. He has been a Fellow since 1956.

Dr. De Voe, a 1935 graduate of Cornell University Medical College, New York, is professor of surgery and chairman of the department at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. He has been a Fellow since 1944.

Dr. Scott, a 1941 graduate of Harvard, is professor of surgery and head of the department at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee. A Fellow since 1950, he has served as Treasurer of the College since 1967.

The three new Regents replace Regents whose term expired in 1972. They are Paul C. Samson, Oakland, California; Harold G. Scheie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Claude E. Welch, Boston.

Reelected for another three-year term on the Board were George R. Dunlop, Worcester, Mass.; Fraser N. Gurd, Ottawa, Canada; and William F. Meacham, Nashville, Tenn.

# Longmire urges better distribution of med school grads to meet needs

The President of the American College of Surgeons urged Thursday night that the United States follow the practice of European countries and confine the number of medical school graduates who can enter surgical or medical specialty training to the number required to meet the health needs of the country.

Dr. William P. Longmire, Jr., MD, FACS, Los Angeles, told a class of 1527 initiates into the College that the remaining graduates must then enter fields that will satisfy other national needs.

"Despite efforts to improve the training experience, the professional status, and the practice opportunities for the family practitioner, and despite the increasing evidence of considerably greater interest on the part of entering and junior medical students in a family career, there is little satisfaction to be gained from enrollment figures in family and general practice residency programs to date."

He pointed out that 557 residents currently enrolled in general practice constitute an insignificant number when compared with the 7,207 residents in internal medicine and the 6,571 in general surgery alone.

Dr. Longmire also called upon the new members to decide if they are to support "a national health service that will preserve the patient's right to free choice of hospital and physician and that will maintain our pluralistic system of medical care."

A recent College questionnaire showed that 15,500 Fellows overwhelmingly endorsed a system of health care; more than 13,000 indicated acceptance of some type of national health insurance system; 1,300 wished to maintain status quo and 1,982 were undecided.

Dr. Longmire also charged the new members to accept the responsibility to society to help plan adequate surgical care where it is deficient in their areas.

Dr. Longmire, professor and chairman of the department of surgery at the University of California at Los Angeles urged that steps be taken to change the "import imbalance" in practicing physicians in the United States.

He said that it is "ludicrous that more than one-third of the physicians licensed each year

in this country are graduates of foreign medical schools."

"The vast majority of these physicians come from countries that can ill afford to lose their medically educated populations," he said.

In 1970-71, said Dr. Longmire, more than 10,000 foreign medical graduates were examined. Of these, 6,749 were licensed to practice medicine in the United States.

Dr. Longmire took note of the steadily increasing admissions of medical students into U.S. schools. In 1960-61, he said, 8,550 new students were accepted. Eleven years later, the number had increased to 12,360 and it is estimated that in another three years it will increase to 15,000. Total enrollment in 1970-71 was 40,487.

Dr. Longmire said it is evident the congressional appropriations for more medical school construction and enrollment reflect the public desire for more family physicians and better distribution of doctors.

"But what evidence is there that an unplanned, unguided expansion will not merely serve to engorge still further the currently well-supplied areas and specialties without in any way affecting our current deficiencies?" he asked.

"It has been well demonstrated that the simple law of supply and demand will not solve these problems. Furthermore, there is considerable question as to whether the desire of the public for this type of first-contact, continuing-care physician can be achieved with our present applicant selection mechanism, medical school curriculum and medical practice policies."

Dr. Longmire urged that the practice of surgery be restricted to certified surgeons. About 71,000 doctors in this country classify themselves as surgeons but 30 per cent are not certified by an American surgical specialty Board, he said.



**MEET THE PROFESSOR . . .** Cmdr. Richard R. O'Reilly (l) and Philip J. Knight (center) talk with C. Everett Koop, MD, FACS of Philadelphia at one of the informal "meet the professor" sessions Tuesday. Cmdr. O'Reilly of Long Beach, Calif. is an initiate and Dr. Knight, a member of the Candidate Group, is from Golden Valley, Minn.

## Spring meeting April 1-4, 1973

On April 1, 1973, the College will hold its first annual spring meeting in New York City. The spring gathering will continue for four days and replaces the sectional meetings, which were phased out last March in favor of a long-range educational program.

The format will embody eight postgraduate courses. The program will include most elements of the Congress except the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, television and scientific exhibits. Program content is planned to correlate with the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP) of the College.

The New York meeting is being put together by the same program committee that plans the Clinical Congress to free the gatherings of duplication and conflict.

Further information on the College's first spring meeting will be detailed in the November issue of the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*.

## TV today

The last of a series of televised operations will be performed this morning at 9:30. At that time Robert C. Lim, Jr., MD, FACS, San Francisco, will perform a peripheral venous procedure at San Francisco General Hospital which can be viewed from Polk Hall in the Civic Auditorium. Wiley F. Baker, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, will moderate the session. A panel will discuss the operation and answer questions from the viewers.

## John W. Cline . . .

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The Cancer Quackery Act, enacted by the California legislature in 1959, was the idea of Dr. Cline, who has served as the chairman of the Cancer Advisory Council of the State Department of Health which is charged with enforcement of the law.

Other accomplishments of Dr. Cline include service on the Advisory Committee of the California Tumor Registry since its inception and serving as a United States delegate to the World Medical Association in 1948 and 1949. He spent four years on the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service in the field of cancer control.

For more than three decades Dr. Cline has served physicians in those responsibilities constituting the conscience of American medicine. During his long service in many medical positions, he was critical of government encroachment of medical practice.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented last year to George G. Finney, MD, FACS, Baltimore, son of the first president of the American College of Surgeons.

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## Five distinguished surgeons from five different nations honored with Fellowship

Honorary Fellowships in the College were awarded to five surgeons during last evening's Convocation ceremonies. Presentation of the honors was made by President Jonathan E. Rhoads. The recipients came from England, Scotland, France, Sweden and Brazil.

Mr. John Charnley from Lancashire, England, is Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon and Director of Hip Surgery at Wrightington Hospital as well as an honorary lecturer in orthopedics at Manchester University.

Sir Donald M. Douglas, Angus, Scotland, has been Senior Surgeon at the Dundee Royal Infirmary and Professor of Surgery at the University of Dundee since 1951. He is currently president of both the Royal College of

Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Vascular Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Professor Charles Dubost of Paris has been named Professor of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Paris School of Medicine in 1963 and is now Chief of Service, Cardiac Surgery, Hopital Broussais, Paris.

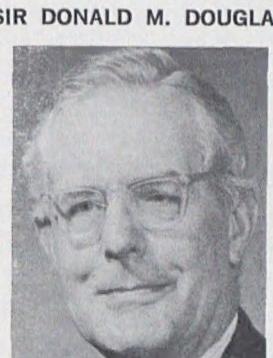
Dr. Carl-Axel Hamberger, Stockholm is Professor of Otolaryngology and Head of the Department at Karolinska Sjukhuset, and has been a professor at Karolinska Institutet since 1960.

Dr. Fernando Paulino, Rio de Janeiro, has been Associate Professor of Surgery at the School of Medicine, University of Rio de Janeiro since 1933. In 1968 he was made an Honorary Professor, the first living surgeon to receive this honor.

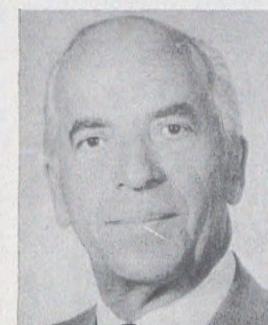
Honorary Fellowships have been awarded at College meetings since the first convocation in 1913. A total of 257 outstanding surgeons have received the honor.



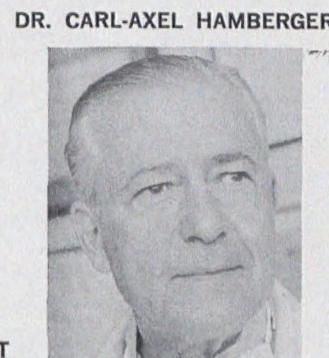
MR. JOHN CHARNLEY



SIR DONALD M. DOUGLAS



PROFESSOR CHARLES DUBOST



DR. CARL-AXEL HAMBERGER



DR. FERNANDO PAULINO

## Reagan attacks "Teddicare"

California Governor Ronald Reagan attacked what he called "Teddicare" Thursday afternoon when he delivered the Martin Memorial Lecture before a crowd of more than 3000 in the Main Arena of Civic Auditorium.

Gov. Reagan was careful not to mention Senator Kennedy by name, describing him as a "young Senator", but the inference was unmistakable. The Governor was deriding "TC" as a 77 billion dollar program for cradle to grave medical care, otherwise known as national health insurance.

Reagan said that medicine in any country where the practice has been nationalized "has not only failed to solve health care problems, but has been the first step in socializing the political and economic system of the country".

A nation cannot socialize its doctors without eventually socializing its patients, the governor continued.

He said the number of doctors in the United States has increased three times faster than the population has grown, resulting in a 1971 doctor to patient ratio of one physician for every 632 citizens.

Reagan said he was pleading with the surgeons not to subscribe to the theory of inevitability (of socialized medicine).

## Today's motion pictures

An early morning general session will conclude the Motion Picture Exhibition for the 1972 Clinical Congress.

In Larkin Hall of the Civic Auditorium, at 8:30 a.m. ten films dealing with general surgery will be screened.

This is the last of 16 sessions including 124 medical motion pictures which were selected by the College's Committee on Medical Motion Pictures for showing this week in San Francisco.

## New society formed

The Society of Philippine Surgeons in America, representing 50 surgeons in practice in the United States, was formally organized Tuesday evening during the Clinical Congress. The interim president is Hernan M. Reyes, MD, FACS, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Chicago. Executive offices are located at 15959 S. Harlem Ave., Tinley Park IL 60477.

## Registration facts

As of 5:00 pm Thursday

Doctors .....	11,909
Ladies .....	5,427
Industrial exhibitors .....	1,747
Visitors .....	965
Press and staff .....	312
Total .....	20,360

## Claude E. Welch...

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completing his three 3-year terms this year. Chairman of the College's Program Committee for the past four years, Dr. Welch is also chairman of the Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools.

Dr. Welch is a 1932 Harvard graduate, and has been a Fellow since 1939.

Dr. Spence, a 1930 graduate of Harvard Medical School, is clinical professor of surgery at Southwestern University Medical College, Dallas. He became a Fellow in 1937, and has served as a member of the Board of Regents from 1962 to 1971.

Dr. Herndon, a 1940 Harvard graduate, is Rainbow professor of orthopaedic surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland. He has been a Fellow since 1950.

DR. CARL-AXEL HAMBERGER

## Governors elect officers

The Board of Governors at its adjourned meeting yesterday reelected Bentley P. Colcock, Boston, and Robert C. Hickey, Houston, chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Board of Governors.

David C. Sabiston, Jr., Durham, North Carolina, was elected secretary, replacing Harrison R. Wesson, Montclair, N.J.

Dr. Sabiston, a 1947 graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is professor of surgery and chairman of the department at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina. He has been a Fellow since 1957.

The Governors also elected William A. Altemeier, Cincinnati, Ohio, to the Executive Committee of the Board. A 1933 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Dr. Altemeier is Christian R. Holmes professor of surgery and chairman of the department at the College. He has been a Fellow since 1940.

"John, meet me in the Gazebo Room at the Hilton at 6 Monday night". Once the scheduled time has passed, "meet me at" messages are removed from the message center board in Brooks Hall; but plenty of others, including some rather urgent ones, remain. Please check.



**PRESIDENT-ELECT . . .** Claude E. Welch, MD, FACS, president-elect of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Welch will become the 54th president October 18, 1973, during next year's Clinical Congress. Photo was taken at a recent meeting of the College's Program Committee.



**TWO FELLOWS . . .** get caught up on the latest in the Clinical Congress News before one of the lectures.

## Progress of TV patients

As of 4:00 pm Thursday

Gastric procedure (Dr. Sheldon's patient): Ambulating, has stable vital signs, slight fever.

Parathyroidectomy (Dr. Hunt's patient): Serum calcium 9.7, serum phos. 3.9, anticipating discharge in two days.

Sigmoid resection for bleeding diverticulosis (Dr. Blasdell's patient):

Has had no further bleeding, stayed in recovery room overnight, now on ward with stable vital signs.

Dupuytren's contracture (Dr. Kilgore's patient):

Back on ward, comfortable, will be discharged tomorrow.

## What's New in Surgery?

This morning at 9:00 in the Main Arena of the Civic Auditorium a panel will summarize many of the surgical developments presented during the Clinical Congress. Surgeons, distinguished in their field, will be featured in the "What's New in Surgery" session. This symposium, a general wrap-up of the week's research presentations, will be presided over by Marshall J. Orloff, MD, FACS, of San Diego.

The News has been informed that the manual for the postgraduate course No. 4 — Cardiovascular Surgery lists the wrong person as chairman of the course. The correct chairman is Dwight C. McGoon, MD, FACS, Rochester, Minn.



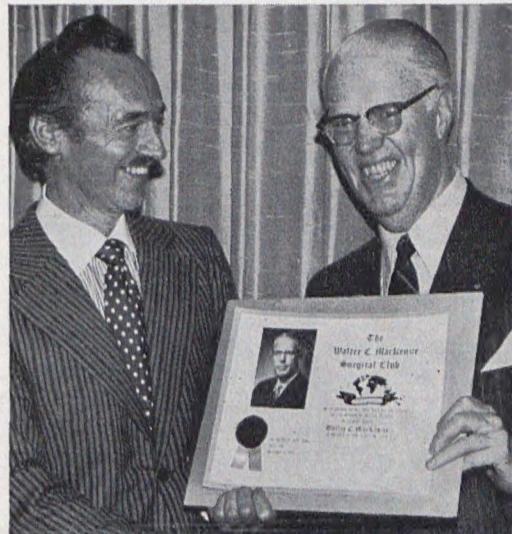
**NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN . . .** David B. Skinner, MD, FACS, (l) was recently appointed Dallas B. Phemister professor and chairman of the department of surgery at the Pritzker School of Medicine of the University of Chicago. With him is Leon O. Jacobson, MD, dean of the medical school. Photo was taken at the U of C medical alumni dinner Wednesday night.



**REUNION . . .** Gov. Ronald Reagan, before delivering Thursday's Martin Memorial Lecture, pauses with his wife Nancy to greet Mrs. Reagan's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Davis.



**PRESS CONFERENCE . . .** The moderator and three of the five panelists from Wednesday's Panel for Young Surgeons meet the press early Wednesday before the panel was presented. Left to right are Drs. Jonathan E. Rhoads, Charles W. McLaughlin, Eric W. Fonkalsrud, and C. Rollins Hanlon. The ACS press room regularly schedules these conferences to give the attending press a chance to meet publishing deadlines. Ninety-two press registrations had been recorded at the Congress as of Wednesday night.



**FIRST MEMBER . . .** Walter C. MacKenzie, MD, FACS (r) of Edmonton, Alberta is presented with the first membership certificate of the Walter C. MacKenzie Surgical Club in appropriate ceremonies Tuesday night. Doing the honors is Cecil M. Couves, MD, FACS, also of Edmonton, secretary of the club.

JOHN W. CLINE, MD, FACS, San Francisco

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND WITH DEEP PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS THAT I JOIN THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN TRIBUTE TO YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES. THEIR PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IS APPROPRIATELY PRESENTED TO A MAN WHOSE PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS EARNED HIM THE GRATITUDE OF COUNTLESS FELLOW CITIZENS AND THE RESPECT OF COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. I PARTICULARLY WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLAUD YOUR DETERMINED EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND THE SUPPORT OF EXISTING NATIONAL PROGRAMS TO CONQUER THIS DREAD DISEASE. YOU CAN TAKE THE DEEPEST PRIDE IN THE WORK THAT HAS EARNED YOU THIS PUBLIC RECOGNITION AND THAT HAS PLACED THIS NATION FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT.

PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON